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TESTING CATTLE WITH TUBERCULIN

Territorial and Federal Employees to make Tests

The last legislature passed a law known as Council Bill No. 34, which provides for the repression of contagious and infectious diseases among cattle and horses and provides for the extirpation of such diseases and to protect the Public Health. The cattle Sanitary Board is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of this law. The law is an excellent one and properly enforced, will place New Mexico in the progressive movement to protect the public health and insure the sanitary condition of the meat and milk producing animals.

The Cattle Sanitary Board has secured the co-operation of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry in conducting a tuberculin test of the dairy cattle of the Territory. The work has been organized and the testing is now being done by competent veterinarians. During the winter all dairy cattle in towns having a population of 500 or more inhabitants, and all dairy cattle from which products are sold in said towns, will be tested for tuberculosis. By next year it is probable that the work will be extended to include all dairy cattle in the Territory.

The symptoms of tuberculosis are not sufficiently prominent, except in advanced stages, to enable one to diagnose the disease by physical examination. The cattle may be apparently in good health and yet have tuberculosis in such form that they are capable of spreading the disease. Consequently it is necessary to use some diagnostic agent in locating the disease. For this purpose the tuberculin test is recognized as being the most certain means of diagnosing the disease.

The tuberculin used in making the tests is the sterilized and filtered glycerin extract of pure cultures of tuberculosis germs. It is the cooked product of the germs but does not contain any of the germs. It cannot therefore produce the disease and is as harmless as so much distilled water. When injected into a healthy animal no results what ever follow, but if the animal has any tuberculosis a decided reaction takes place and the temperature of the animal rises.

All animals which are found to be tuberculous will be condemned and destroyed and the owner paid for such animals on a basis provided for in the law.

The work is important both from a standpoint of public health and economy. The agricultural interests are developing rapidly and as the climatic conditions are favorable for the breeding and raising of fancy stock the time is not far distant when this industry will be an important one in this Territory. By eradicating the small amount of existing infection and testing all incoming breeding animals it will be a comparatively easy matter to keep the herds free from tuberculosis and thus save heavy losses in the future.

This is a matter in which every inhabitant is interested and the public should fully support and cooperate with the authorities in the work.

W. A. Dow, merchant of Taajique, was laying in Christmas supplies in the county seat yesterday.

Thanksgiving Services.

Rev. B. W. Means, who was in Estancia Tuesday, reports a splendid Thanksgiving Service at the High Point Schoolhouse last Thursday. After the sermon, an offering was received, with which to start a fund for the purchase of Spanish Bibles for distribution among the Spanish speaking people who desire to secure the Word in their own tongue, but have been unable to do so. Something over ten dollars was received for the purpose, which will be materially increased. This is indeed a fitting work for Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Means has been doing good work among the native people in the mountain towns and feels encouraged by this response on the part of the people.

Baptism of Infant.

On Monday at the home of Celestino Ortiz, Father Antonio Bessett, administered the sacrament of Baptism, the recipient being the infant daughter of Antonio Salazar and his wife, Manuelita L. Salazar, receiving the name Petrita. The sponsors were Jesus Sanchez and Juanita Sanchez.

Faith and Works

Faith without words, according to the dry farming methods of soil culture, is an exceedingly poor crop producer. Nearly every man who got up and worked and did his best this year has been rewarded to some extent for his labors. Quay county products grown by dry farming methods took five first prizes at the El Paso Fair in competition with irrigated products. This fact ought to stimulate a little more interest among the farmers of this county. The quality of all products grown in the county has been exceedingly good, but the quantity small.—Tucumcari Sun.

The same applies throughout the greater portion of the Estancia Valley, those who kept their faith to the end and proved it by continuous work, now have stored up for themselves and their families good crops of spuds to show for it. Faith and work must go together the same in dry farming as in religion or any business. The sooner our people learn this the better off they will be. Some who started out well but lost their faith and dropped the work during the dry season have paid dear for the experience and it is to be hoped they will profit thereby.

Mount Calvary.

Mother earth is covered with snow. It is a good thing for the wheat.

Mrs. J. V. Finley died at High Point, N. M., on the 27th at 3 o'clock and was buried at Mount Cavalry Cemetery Sunday at 3 o'clock. B. W. Means conducted the service.

Lee Cummings is no better at this writing.

M. S. Demler is erecting a nice residence.

Mr. Frazier, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Babby are worth something to a country. They take great delight in building up a country.

Prof. Dill is getting along nicely with his school.

Negron Herrera, blacksmith at the Romero sawmill above Torreon, was shopping in the county seat yesterday.

ESTANCIA POTATOES MOST EFFECTIVE EXHIBIT IN EXPOSITION IN CHICAGO

"A Mighty Good Thing for the Valley" Says Secretary Hening of the Bureau of Immigration

The following letter from Secretary Hening of the Bureau of Immigration, received by Mr. Van Stone the first of the week, in regard to the exhibit of Estancia Valley potatoes exhibited at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition, held at Chicago, is self explanatory:

Chicago, Nov. 24, 1909.

Mr. G. H. Van Stone,
Estancia, New Mexico.

My Dear Mr. Van Stone:

Referring to the exhibit of your potatoes, it is the most effective exhibit we have. It attracts the attention of every one and it is going to do a lot of good for your territory. The big pumpkin sent by W. W. Norman is also attracting attention.

We are running a guessing contest as to the number of seeds in the pumpkin. We will count the seed and return them to you at the close of the show. There are already several thousand guesses.

I can assure you that you have done a mighty good thing for the Estancia Valley in furnishing this exhibit.

This is a great big show and a tremendous success.

I want to take this occasion to again thank you for your co-operation.

Yours very truly,

Signed

H. B. Hening,
Secretary.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 30, 1909.

Mr. G. H. Van Stone,
Estancia, New Mexico.

My Dear Sir:

Within a day or two I will send you a picture of the New Mexico exhibit at the U. S. Land & Irrigation Exposition. The exhibit has attracted considerable attention and I feel sure has been worth every dollar it has cost and all of the expenses.

The picture gives a fair idea of what the exhibit was, although we are unable to get a picture showing the entire exhibit.

I want to take this occasion to thank you for your co-operation in a work which we feel is of the greatest importance and value. The Exposition has attracted the attention of the entire country and it would have been very serious if New Mexico had not been represented. The effect upon the territory as a whole and upon each of its districts we feel sure will be very beneficial.

Your potatoes have been one of the big awards of this show.

Thanking you again, we are,

Yours very truly,

Signed

H. B. Hening, Secretary,
Territorial Bureau of Immigration.

These two letters were sent Mr. Van Stone by Secretary Hening, as Mr. Van Stone had taken the initiative in securing the exhibit and forwarding it. He claims no special honors and is satisfied to know that the Estancia Valley is coming in to her own. He has asked us to express through the News his gratitude to the following named citizens who aided either in the securing of the products or the donation of barrels for the shipment of the exhibit: H. F. Mathews, Scott & Jensen, A. J. Green, W. W. Norman, L. A. Bond, S. A. Goldsmith, Hardin & Daggett, B. Freilinger, and Allmon Brothers.

The United States Land & Irrigation Exposition was made a reality and a success largely through the instrumentality of the Chicago Tribune, and the fact that the Estancia Valley had such a splendid exhibit at the same, will redound to the glory of the Valley, and is advertising which will bear fruit an hundredfold.

House Burned.

Yesterday afternoon the home of Arthur Nisbett, east of Estancia, was destroyed by fire, practically nothing of the contents being saved. Mrs. Nisbett was at home ironing at the time, Mrs. R. J. Nisbett being with her. Just how the fire started is not known, except that the ceiling was discovered ablaze. Before anything could be done, the whole roof was burning. Mrs. Nisbett saved only a few things, her mother not being able to assist her on account of hav-

ing recently sustained an injury necessitating her using crutches.

The walls of the building were of adobe and are still standing, but whether fit for use, has not been determined. Mr. Nisbett carried insurance in the sum of \$1,000.

Rev. B. W. Means of the Mt. Cavalry neighborhood was in Estancia Tuesday of this week coming over on business. He made a pleasant call at the News office, bringing with him his usual words of good cheer.

Open for Filing

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 30, '09. Notice is hereby given that plats of townships

5 North Range 10 East
5 " " 11 "
6 " " 11 "
10 " " 7 "

are filed in this office and these townships will be open to entry on and after the 18th day of January, 1910.

Manuel R. Otero, Register.

Shows Advancement

Washington, Nov. 29.—Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, in his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, just made public today, touches upon New Mexico conditions as follows:

The estimated population of the territory is now estimated at 470,000, an increase of about 20,000 over last year. The additions to the population have been mostly from the middle, northern and middlewestern states, the foreign immigration being less than one per cent.

The finances of the territory are in good condition, the net bonded indebtedness, on May 31, 1909 being \$612,420.51; the net receipts for the eleven months ending May 31 were \$1,611,159.33, and the expenditures during the same period were \$1,083,934.67, leaving a balance on hand, June 1, of \$526,225.16. All territorial funds are deposited with approved depositories, are protected by ample bonds, and draw interest at the rate of three per cent per annum on daily balances.

The coal mines have produced more coal and coke than in any preceding year, 2,708,624.48 tons having been shipped from the mines. The total value of the coal and coke was \$3,881,508.57. The total number of persons employed in and about the coal mines was 2,231, and the fatalities were reduced from 0.926 per cent. of the persons employed, in the preceding year, to 0.556 per cent in the fiscal year June 30, 1909.

The total valuation of public school property exceeds \$1,000,000. The total expenditure for school purposes exceed \$600,000. Forty-seven thousand, nine hundred and eighty-seven pupils were enrolled in the public schools.

New Officers

Estancia Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F. elected the following officers for the first term 1910:

Noble Grand, L. D. Pollard; Vice Grand, Raymond Epler; Secretary, J. R. Wash; Treasurer, H. L. Bainum.

These officers will be installed on Friday evening, January 7, 1910.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Devotional Meeting.
Leader: Fred Tuttle
Hymn, followed by Prayer.
Scriptures: John 3: 7-12.

Rom. 5: 1-11.
Hymn: "My Savior's Love."
Sentence Prayers.
Address: "What can we do to make known God's Love."
Miss Norris.
Prayer, song and adjournment.

Mounted Police Force Reduced

Law Becomes Effective January First

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 1.—The painful task of reducing the mounted police force of the territory, which fell to Governor Curry, has been completed, it being understood that the men let out were competent and faithful and leave the force only because the law demands it. For these men the first vacancies on the force will be reserved. It was made plain to the men who remain on the force that intoxication will be sufficient cause for dismissal. The force as now constituted consists of Captain Fred Fornoff, Sergeant J. W. Collier who had been a lieutenant of the old force, the new law not providing for a lieutenant; W. E. Dudley of Alamogordo, Rafael Gomez, J. W. Beal of Deming, and J. B. Rusk of Chama. Of the new force Captain Fred Fornoff and three men will be stationed at Santa Fe and two men, including J. W. Beal, will be stationed at Deming on account of trouble with cattle rustlers on the Mexican border. Under the new law the men will be allowed mileage. Page B. Otero will have charge of the books of the force for the present and Fred Higgins of Roswell will be permitted to complete important work upon which he is engaged at present. There are other changes which will likely occur before many months.—Albuquerque Journal.

English Mill Camp No. 1.

Jack Armstrong had business in the county seat Saturday.

L. S. Wheeler went to Estancia Saturday.

J. M. Mullen went to Queen City Wednesday on business.]

Bale McKinley worked in the timber several days the past week, returning home Friday.

R. A. Marble was surveying near Chilili Thursday and Friday. He made a business trip to Estancia Tuesday.

Mrs. Marble who was visiting her son, R. A. Marble and family, left for her home in Massachusetts Tuesday.

Messrs. Dye & Roberts were in the Queen City Thursday.

Messrs. Basley, McKinley and Bollinghouse went hunting Monday.

The first snow of the winter fell Sunday. About six inches is on the ground here. The timber looks beautiful in its mantle of white.

Hodges-Gunter.

On Wednesday afternoon Justice W. D. Wasson joined in matrimony Miss Mary Hodges and William Gunter. Both are well known west of Estancia, where the groom has a good farm, on which they will commence housekeeping. The News joins their friends in wishing them success and long life.

J. H. English went north Wednesday, on business connected with the English Manufacturing Company. He will visit a number of Colorado points before returning.